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### **Governor Richardson Appoints Environment Secretary to Radioactive Waste Board**

(Santa Fe, NM) — Citing his “extensive experience with radioactive waste clean up and disposal issues” New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Environment Secretary Ron Curry to the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board.

This board, made up of state representatives from New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada, oversees the safe disposal of low-level waste (LLW) produced within the member states and regulates the interstate commerce aspects of LLW.

“As hosts to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant as well as Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories, New Mexicans understand the importance of safe handling and disposal of radioactive waste,” said Governor Richardson. “Secretary Curry will represent us well.”

Before becoming Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on the first of January 2003, Ron Curry was intimately involved with environmental issues. He developed the first environmental strategic plan for the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), worked on a site-wide Environmental Impact Statement for Los Alamos National Laboratory and represented both the Environmental Law Center and the Coalition for Clean and Affordable Energy before the state legislature. Secretary Curry also served as the Environment Department’s first Deputy Secretary in the early 1990s.

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